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11 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
12 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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14 CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL )  
DIVERSITY, ) CASE NO. 3:15-cv-658-JCS  
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16 *Plaintiff,* )  
17 )  
18 v. )  
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20 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE )  
INTERIOR; S.M.R. JEWELL, in her )  
21 official capacity as Secretary of the )  
Interior; U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE )  
SERVICE; DAN ASHE, Director of the )  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, )  
22 *Federal Defendants.* )

23 **STIPULATION TO EXTEND THE TIME TO RESPOND TO**  
24 **OR ANSWER THE COMPLAINT**

25 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b) and Local Rule 6.1(a), the parties  
26 stipulate to a 17-day extension of time for Federal Defendants to respond to or answer the  
27 complaint, and in support state:  
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1           1.       On February 12, 2015, Plaintiff filed its Complaint in this action. On February 17,  
2 2015, Plaintiff served its Complaint on the Federal Defendants. The Federal Defendants'  
3 response or answer is currently due April 20, 2015. Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 12(a).

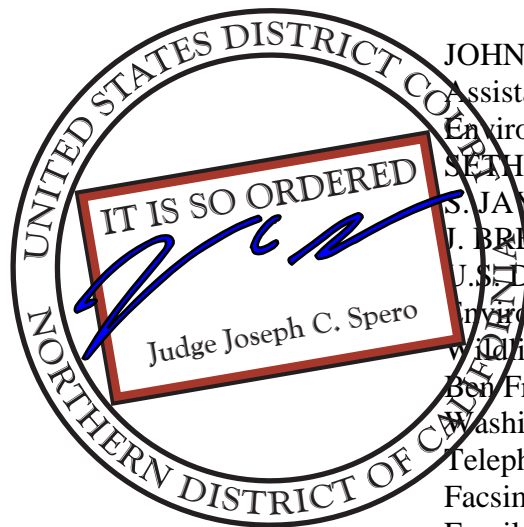
4           2.       The Federal Defendants require a 17-day extension to answer or respond to  
5 the Complaint, through May 7, 2015.

6           3.       This extension is warranted due to the heavy litigation docket of undersigned  
7 counsel for Federal Defendants, who has been engaged in responding to and filing multiple  
8 motions in *Wild Fish Conservancy v. Irving*, No. 14-306 (E.D. Wash.). A hearing on those  
9 motions is currently scheduled in Spokane, Washington for April 30, 2015.

10          4.       The instant stipulation does not affect any deadline apart from the Federal  
11 Defendants' response or answer deadline.

12           WHEREFORE, the parties stipulate to extend the deadline for Federal Defendants'  
13 response or answer to the Complaint up through and including May 7, 2015.

14           Respectfully submitted this 16th day of April, 2015,



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